

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-20 as shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the international application.

1. *(currently amended)* A method of interpreting a control command given on a touch screen of a portable electronic device, in which method the combination of a touch on an area interpreted as a contact area and a release of the touch from the area interpreted as said same contact area is interpreted as a control command, ~~characterized by the method~~ comprising interpreting, once the contact area (200) has been touched, a larger contact area (202) as said same contact area for the release of the touch than the contact area before the touch.

2. *(currently amended)* A method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized by wherein~~ the larger contact area (202) for the release of the touch including, not only the contact area (200) for the touch, but also part of the area adjacent to the contact area (200).

3. *(currently amended)* A method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized by the~~ method comprising interpreting the larger contact area (202) for the release of the touch to include, not only the contact area (200) for the touch, but also an expansion of the contact area (200) for the touch in each free direction.

4. *(currently amended)* A method as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized by the method~~ comprising interpreting the larger contact area (202) for the release of the touch to include, not only the contact are (200) a for the touch, but also an equally large expansion of the contact area (200) for the touch in each free direction.

5. *(currently amended)* A method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized by wherein~~ the larger contact area (202) for the release of the touch being at least 25 percent larger than the contact area (200) for the touch.

6. *(currently amended)* A method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized by~~ the method comprising performing signalling once the contact area (200, 202) has been touched.

7. *(currently amended)* A method as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized by~~ wherein said signalling being a light, voice or vibration signal.

8. *(currently amended)* A method as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized by~~ the method comprising continuing the signalling as long as the touch remains in the area (200, 202) that is interpreted as the contact area and that was touched.

9. *(currently amended)* A portable electronic device comprising a touch screen (406) having a plurality of contacts areas and a control unit (400) for interpreting control commands given on the touch screen, in which device the combination of a touch on an area interpreted as a contact area and a release of the touch from the area interpreted as said same contact area is interpreted as a control command, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein once the contact area has been touched, the control unit (400) is configured to interpret a larger contact area as said same contact area for the release of the touch than the contact area before the touch.

10. *(currently amended)* A device as claimed in claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the control unit (400) is configured to interpret the larger contact area for the release of the touch including, not only the contact area for the touch, but also part of the area adjacent to the contact area.

11. *(currently amended)* A device as claimed in claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the control unit (400) is configured to interpret the larger contact area for the release of the touch to include, not only the contact area for the touch, but also an equally large expansion of the contact area for the touch in each free direction.

12. *(currently amended)* A device as claimed in claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the control unit (100) is configured to interpret the larger contact area for the release of the touch to be at least 25 percent larger than the contact area for the touch.

13. *(currently amended)* A device as claimed in claim 9, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the device includes means (100, 114, 106) for performing signalling once the contact area has been touched.

14. *(currently amended)* A device as claimed in claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said signalling is a light, voice or vibration signal.

15. *(currently amended)* A device as claimed in claim 13, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the device includes means (100, 114, 106) for continuing the signalling until the touch remains in the area that is interpreted as the contact area and that was touched.

16. *(currently amended)* A device as claimed in claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the portable electronic device is a mobile station.

17. *(currently amended)* A device as claimed in claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the portable electronic device is a PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) device or a portable computer.

18. *(currently amended)* A device as claimed in claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device comprises means (100, 108, 110) for establishing a telecommunication connection or a short-range wireless connection.

19. *(currently amended)* A device as claimed in claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the telecommunication connection is an Internet connection.

20. *(currently amended)* A device as claimed in claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the short-range wireless connection is a Bluetooth, infrared or WLAN connection.